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## Dulles And The CIA

The Central Intelligence Agency is in a particularly difficult position: Its blunders become well known and subject to criticism, but its triumphs must necessarily go largely unheralded.

Probably no one knew this better than Allen W. Dulles, former CIA Director during the Eisenhower administration, who died Thursday at 75.

Dulles first came to CIA as a result of the disastrous CIA and military intelligence blunder of assuming the Red Chinese would not enter the Korean War if the United Nations pushed beyond the 38th parallel. He was replaced as an aftermath of the alleged faulty intelligence work and handling of the Cuban invasion.

Under Dulles, the CIA compiled mountains of evidence on missile stations, troop concentrations and other data gathered by four years of U2 flights over Russia; forecast the first Russian satellite to orbit the earth; tapped the main Russian telephone line in Berlin in 1955 and monitored it for months before the Reds got wise; and produced a verbatim report of Nikita Khrushchev's famous secret speech of 1956 denouncing the crimes of Josef Stalin before the 20th Communist Party Congress.

Mr. Dulles played a vital role in this nation's security during several dangerous years. America owes him a lasting debt of gratitude.